

A PLAN FOR MANAGING GROWTH 2004-2024

# City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan



*Toward a Sustainable Seattle*

**what's new? 2007**

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## What's New in 2007?

### Adopted Comprehensive Plan Amendments December 2006

In December 2006, as part of the annual amendment process, the City Council approved Ordinance 122313 with the following changes to the Comprehensive Plan.

1. Add a triangle of land bounded by Aurora Avenue N., Denny Way, and Broad Street to the Uptown Urban Center.
2. The South Lake Union neighborhood plan goals and policies are replaced in their entirety to reflect South Lake Union's new status as an urban center, new growth targets, ongoing City investments, and the realization that the area's growth is going to include more housing than anticipated in the previous neighborhood plan.
3. Amendments to Land Use goals and policies will allow construction of a tunnel or surface roadway to replace the SR 99 Viaduct and seawall. New shoreline transportation policy language in the Land Use Element will allow flexibility in construction staging, utility relocation, and construction-related mitigation and uses, provided that the projects result in no net loss of ecological function. Additional new shoreline transportation

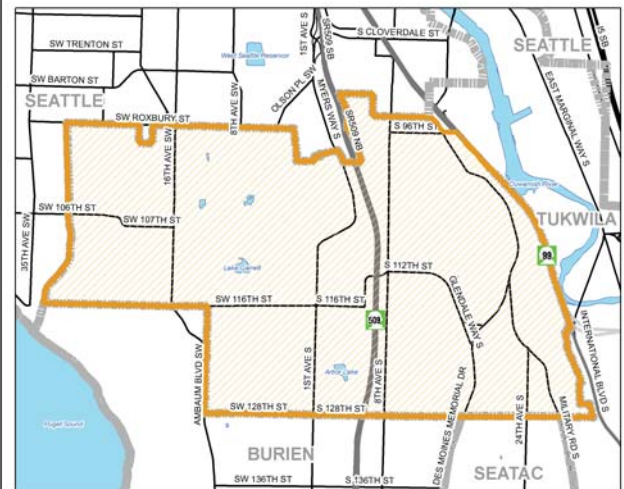


South Lake Union Neighborhood

policy language prohibits aerial transportation structures over 35 feet high, such as bridges and viaducts, on the Central Waterfront in the Shoreline Environments between King Street and Union Street, except for aerial pedestrian walkways associated with Colman Dock.

4. All of the North Highline area is now identified as a Planned Annexation Area in the Urban Village Element, setting the stage for further Seattle involvement in determining local preferences regarding annexation of this area.

### Potential North Highline Annexation Area



#### Legend

- North Highline
- Municipal Boundaries
- Arterials



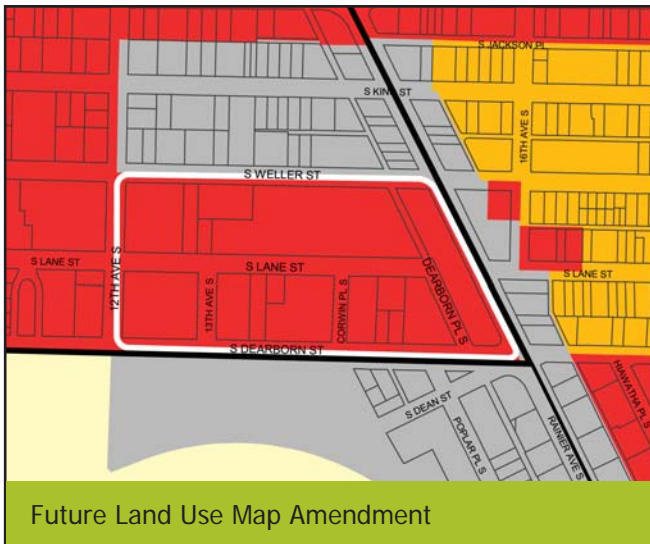
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5. Roosevelt Neighborhood Planning goals and policies have been revised to reflect the outcome of station area planning.
6. First Hill neighborhood plan policies are amended to remove a reference to the proposed light rail station on First Hill.



7. The open space and required yards policy (Land Use Policy 36) has been amended so that it applies to development only outside of urban centers, allowing for other techniques (including possibly impact fees) to help meet the open space needs inside urban centers.
8. The Future Land Use Map is amended to change the designation of the land bounded by S. Dearborn Street, Rainier Avenue S., S. Weller Street, and 12th Avenue S. (the Goodwill site) from "industrial" to "commercial/mixed-use."



9. New policy language in the Land Use Element directs the City to (1) look for ways to provide incentives for development of projects that include low-income affordable housing when increasing development potential and (2) consider development regulations that condition higher-density development on the provision of public benefits.
10. Transportation Policy 28 is amended to support exploration of waterborne transit service that serves pedestrians. New policy language is added encouraging Washington State Ferries to expand its practice of giving priority to transit and bicycles, and to integrate transit facilities and bicycle parking within ferry terminals.

11. Transportation Policy 33 is amended to clarify prioritization of pedestrian improvements in areas with a history of pedestrian-vehicle crashes and in areas with high levels of growth. It now directs that the Pedestrian Master Plan should identify a method for assessing and implementing pedestrian safety and access improvements in high growth areas.

### Deferred Amendment

The City Council chose not to amend the Future Land Use Map changing the "industrial" area in South Lake Union to "commercial/mixed-use." This is likely to be considered again in 2007.

### Other Future Work

In addition to its actions on the above amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, the City Council also adopted separate resolutions directing DPD to:

- work with South Lake Union Friends and Neighbors, Community Councils, and others to identify and prioritize strategies for accomplishing the newly adopted goals and policies; and
- work with the Roosevelt neighborhood to identify strategies to prioritize and accomplish the new goals and policies.



Roosevelt Neighborhood

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To suggest amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, or to learn about amendments being considered, read DPD's monthly newsletter, *dpdINFO*, or visit [www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/compplan](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/compplan).